

## Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICADate: 9/13/91

Full name Frank W. Skeeler Social Security no. [REDACTED]  
 Address [REDACTED]  
 City Orange State Tx ZIP code 77630  
 Date of birth 1-10-51 (This is important; it should be exact.)  
 Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)  
 Religion Catholic Nationality (citizen of) United States  
 Occupation Bank Teller  
 Education High School - Attended Louisiana State University  
 Weight 160 Height 5'10" Race White Color of hair Black Color of eyes Brown  
 Distinguishing physical characteristics \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hobbies or special interests \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married ☐ Single ☒ Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

## SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit no.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
<u>S0023</u>	<u>Orange</u>	<u>Tx.</u>	<u>SM</u>	<u>6/85</u>	<u>9/11/91</u>

Chartered organization Orange Exchange ClubSpecial recognitions Eagle Scout, Vigil O.A., Silver Beaver, St. George, D.A.M.Incident: Type 1 Date 1989-1991 Resolution 1

## Type

## Resolution

1. Scouting related
2. Not Scouting related
3. Homosexual (not specifically involving youth)

1. Internal (only BSA members know)
2. Criminal action
3. Court action
4. Probationary status
5. Reported to state agency

## Check-off list of attached documentation

- ☒ 1. Description of incident
- ☒ 2. Statement by victim(s)
3. Media reports
4. Legal proceedings

5. Offender's statement
- ☒ 6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council Three RiversSigned [Signature]

Scout executive

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OCT 21 1991

A. GRAVES

October 25, 1991

Mr. Johnny W. Atkins  
Scout Executive  
Three Rivers Council, No. 578

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: FRANK W. SKEELER

Dear Johnny:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Bill Derrick, South Central Region, Sum SCR

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[REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas 77705-2797

September 16, 1991

National Council, BSA  
[REDACTED]

Irving, Tx. 75015-2079

Dear Sirs:

Please remove from your membership and cancel publications for the following *la* adult leader registered in Troop 23 (S-0023). He is registered as the Scoutmaster of that unit.

Frank Skeeler ID#004594

[REDACTED]  
Orange, Tx. 77630

*on IV file*  
*9-19-91*  
*50023*  
*020392*

Our Scout Executive, Mr. Johnny Atkins, requested that this leader be deleted from our records and national records. I will delete him on Transmittal 910902 that will be sent to the National office shortly.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Peggy*  
Peggy King  
Registrar

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SEP 18 1991

FRANK SKEELER INCIDENT

August 27, 1991 - Notes from Herb Spangler

Bill Bailey left a message that Walter Riedel wanted to talk to Johnny Atkins concerning a problem with Frank Skeeler, Scoutmaster of Troop 23 in Orange. Bill related that some allegations had been made against Frank by some parents of boys in his troop.

August 28, 1991 - Notes from Herb Spangler

Johnny called from his conference and got the message and asked that I call Walter Riedel and get the story from him. The following are notes taken from the phone call made to Walter on August 28:

The First incident occurred several years back in Galveston, Texas. Troop 23 used to go to Galveston and rent condo rooms for scouts and adult leaders who accompanied them. On one such activity, Frank was involved in an incident which involve [REDACTED] son of [REDACTED] of Orange. There were some problems with sleeping arrangement and during the stay, Frank was in a room looking at a porno magazine with [REDACTED]. Walter does not know who the book belonged to. During that time, Frank evidently made some off-color remarks that upset [REDACTED]. Upon returning to Orange, [REDACTED] related the incident to his parents.

[REDACTED] went to Walter and discussed the incident. [REDACTED] being a life long resident of Orange, knew Frank and his parents and because of the situation did not want to cause any real commotion. Walter Riedel went to the troop committee and they talked very seriously to Frank about the situation and laid down the following rules. At no time would an adult accompany boys on a troop alone or were there to be any sleeping arrangements where an adult and boy shared the same bed. [REDACTED] also told Frank that if he ever heard of another incident like that happening, he would go to the council headquarters and relate the entire story. Frank was also told that he was not to run the troop by himself and must have an Assistant Scoutmaster that was agreeable to both parties. This seemed to have worked for quite some time.

The next incident which occurred happened on the return trip from Philmont this past August. When the troop stopped in Ft. Worth for the night, they got two rooms. Frank and part of the troop were in one room and Walter and the other boys were in another room. Walter made it very plain to Frank that the roll-a-way beds in each room were for the adults. The boys got the beds or could sleep on the floor.

Walter's wife was visiting in Ft. Worth at this time and Walter went to visit her before returning home. Upon his return to the hotel, the boys said that they wanted to order pizza and told Walter that Frank wanted to see him. When Walter walked into the room Frank was laying in bed with one of the boys. Walter told him to get out of the bed and told him there was no reason whatsoever for him being in the bed with one of the boys. Frank said he was

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only listening to the radio. Walter told him that the entire incident was uncalled for.

The final incident occurred the past weekend, at the O.A. Ordeal. Frank attended the ordeal and took one boy with him. The boy was [REDACTED] son of [REDACTED]. While at the ordeal, Frank and the boy spent the night alone in a tent on a campsite with no other people. As far as Walter knows there was no physical abuse. The boy evidently had no bedroll. Frank asked him if he was going to take off his pants and shirt. [REDACTED] said, "no, he slept in a T-shirt and shorts at home." He evidently slept on the bare ground. As he was laying on the bare ground, Frank asked him if he could pop his back. [REDACTED] parents found out about the incident and [REDACTED] talked to [REDACTED] since they are very good friends. When she found out about the other incident, she became very upset. [REDACTED] are very upset and want something done.

Walter stated that he felt that there was no evidence in any of the situations that would point to any actual sexual contact. Walter is very upset. Frank is a good friend and he is concerned about what Frank might do if he is abruptly removed from Scouting. Scouting is his whole life. He feels that because of the allegations and the situation, that the council needs to handle this. He wants the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] family to be interviewed.

Bill Bailey also related to me that on the way back from Philmont, Frank got very upset at [REDACTED] because he was listening to this radio and tapping his knee. Bill said the boy had headphones on, but Frank physically hit the boy with his fist. This was related to Bill Bailey by [REDACTED]. Bill has asked the [REDACTED] family to talk to their son and to document everything that has happened to him.

Walter is aware of the fact that Johnny Atkins is out of the council, attending a Professional Conference and will call him upon his return Wednesday, September 4, 1991.

September 5, 1991 - Notes from Johnny Atkins

9:30 a.m. Met with Bill Clark and David Wood. Reviewed with details of [REDACTED] Report as written above. They will help anyway.

1:00 p.m. Met with Jerry Pennington, Council Attorney, and Bill Bailey, District Executive. Review above information with him. He stated broke rules on sleeping in tent and hitting kid.

Cannot make accusations on Sexual Misconduct with facts we have.

Concern of what [REDACTED] mother will do and say was discussed.

Need to get more facts about hitting and back popping.

2:00 p.m. Met with Walter Riddle - Question "Do you know of any sex abuse or advances" - No

He said he had ask boys [REDACTED] - they didn't

know of any

Hate for it to come to this.

Set a meeting with Troop Committee for Tuesday September 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Orange First Methodist.

3:00 p.m. Bill Bailey and I met with - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]  
Orange, Texas 77630 - Phone # [REDACTED]

Mother of [REDACTED] - She gave us the attached written statement label (Exhibit A). Items in the statement were discussed and verified.

Monday, September 9, 1991

Met with Bill Munson who went to Philmont with [REDACTED] this past summer. He said while waiting for office to open in Amarillo, Mark Meadows was playing with [REDACTED] and Frank told him to leave [REDACTED] alone. Frank started choking boy when he didn't. Munson told Skeeler he was wrong to do this. Didn't remember any boy getting hit in van. Skeeler wants to be buddies with boys and immature. Room arrangements made by Frank with adult staying in room with four boys. No pornography or sex abuse on trip that he knew of.

September 9, 1991

Talked to Benny High, South Central Region and gave him above information. If no ground swell of parents pushing - don't have grounds or enough to remove him. He has violated 2 leader rule. Have to leave it to Troop Committee to take action. We can't solve - Troop Committee must.

September 10, 1991

Walter Riddle called and said problem was deeper and action was needed. He had talked with Troop Committeeman [REDACTED]. He suggested I meet with [REDACTED]. I ask him to set it up at his office for 11:00 a.m. this morning.

11:00 a.m. Met with [REDACTED] and Walter Riddle.

[REDACTED] story told to him by [REDACTED]

Frank made verbal and physical advances toward [REDACTED] boy.

Frank made advances toward [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] decked Frank at Camp Bill Stark and Frank grabbed him. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did separated them.

On Trip to Philmont Frank was rubbing [REDACTED] back when he woke up - went out side - came back and put on clothes and got

back in bed to sleep, nothing else happened

Walter Riddle got call from Dr. Rutledge of Troop 2 while [REDACTED] and I was in his office. Dr. Rutledge said [REDACTED] didn't have a good experience at Philmont. Doesn't want to be around Frank and want to change troops.

1:00 p.m. Met with Executive Board Member and Key Scouters in Orange, Dave Haworth to get his help. He called [REDACTED] for us to visit with him.

3:00 p.m. Met with [REDACTED] father of [REDACTED]. Attached Narrative of visit as written by Haworth is attached. Exhibit B

4:00 p.m. Haworth and I met with Council Attorney Pennington. Gave new facts including Claybar Report. He said we have grounds to remove Skeeler.

6:00 p.m. Met with Troop Committee and the following were present:

[REDACTED]

Discussed Details of Accusation

Concern of what Frank will do was expressed by several Committee Members.

Group to meet with Frank September 9th and ask for his resignation.

They ask if letter necessary and told them it was.

September 9, 1991

Called Benny High and Bill Clark and updated them on details and decision to remove Skeeler.

September 12, 1991

11:00 a.m. Walter Riddle called.

Troop Committee met Frank last night.

Ask for immediate resignation - Said he would resign.

Turn over all materials and funds to Troop Committee.

He said he wasn't going to do anything stupid like suicide.

4:00 p.m. Called Skeeler and set meeting with him at 5:30 p.m. on September 13. Dave Haworth to go with me to give letter of resignation

denial.

September 13, 1991

5:30 p.m. Dave Haworth and I met with Frank Skeeler at the Orange Library. I gave him the denial of registration letter and appeal process signed by Bill Clark (Exhibit C) and he read it. He was asked if he had any questions and he said he did not. He was told the incidents were confidential and knowledge was limited. He stated he was on the Catholic Parish Council and the Monsignor had ask him to spend more time working on projects of the church.



August

## I. Philmont Trip

A. Frank shared a bed with a scout to and from Philmont when there were other places (floor) to sleep.

B. Amarillo - Frank grabbed ~~me~~ [redacted] by the throat and held him against a wall because he was chasing a cricket. Bill Munson (adult) witnessed.

C. Hit me in the chest at Base Camp in Philmont. (with fist)

D. Hit me in the ear, between Philmont and Ft. Worth, across my leg head, with an open hand because I was patting the seat ~~so~~ softly to music.

II. Q.A. Ordeal August ~~at~~ 23, 24

A. Insisted me on going because I he said in front of others I am a poor excuse for an OA member.

B. I agreed to go to the Q.A. function as long as I stayed overnight in the Health Lodge at Ureland. This was insisted by my parents and ~~me~~ <sup>him</sup> earlier.

C. Frank tempted me very late in the evening to go to Bear Paw, a camp about a mile from H.Q., by offering me a cigar to smoke. It got ~~so~~ very dark while we were there, and he refused to take me back to H.Q.

He said the Health Lodge was full and to stay out ~~there~~ with him.

I had no light to walk back with.

I changed clothes at his truck with no privacy. I had no sleeping gear, so I slept on the ~~floor~~ ground with my arm as a pillow, against the wall, ~~and~~

Lat. morning, he claimed I ~~slept~~ had my head on his leg during the night. I know I didn't because I was awake <sup>awake</sup> all night long. Also, ~~at~~ that day I asked a scout if the health lodge was full and he said "No there was only 2 of us in there."

### III. In General

A. On a long period of time on a one-to-one ~~case~~ situation, Frank would ask me, if I "fack-off". He would ask "If I ever caught you do you think I would blackmail you?" then would say " [REDACTED] I wouldn't do that to you."

B. Also ~~long~~ while back I was asked ~~to~~ with others (unsure who) from Frank to join him in a pornography film at his house.

These statements are very unspecific and ~~out~~ general. I can't express what all happened on paper, but I would share ~~these~~ ~~details~~ "details" with you in person. I am very upset for being so quiet about this subject for so long. I don't want what has happened to me happen to any other scouts.

Thank You,  
[REDACTED]

Sept. 10, 1991

At 3:00 P.M. today, Johnnie Atkins and I went to [REDACTED] and talked to [REDACTED] in relation to the Frank Skeeler allegations.

[REDACTED] related that about two years ago he and his son, [REDACTED] went with Skeeler and some of the other members of Troop 23 to Galveston. On this occasion [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated nothing occurred that caught his notice.

Several weeks later [REDACTED] went back to Galveston with the same group.

Upon his return home [REDACTED] observed that [REDACTED] was very tired and moody and unusually quiet. Sensing a desire by [REDACTED] to talk, [REDACTED] engaged him in a game of catch. [REDACTED] told his father that the rumors about Frank Skeeler being gay were true. Further discussion led [REDACTED] to state that Skeeler tried to sleep with [REDACTED] and put his hands on him. Skeeler attempted to talk to [REDACTED] about masturbation.

[REDACTED] sleepless night(s) were the cause of his being tired.

After a few days of thought, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted Frank Skeeler and arranged a meeting. In this meeting [REDACTED] told Skeeler that [REDACTED] had made some allegations that concerned him as a father. Before he could explain what these allegations were, Skeeler admitted having purchased Penthouse magazines and looking at them with the boys. He mentioned something about hot tubs also.

[REDACTED] told Skeeler that if Skeeler ever put his hands on [REDACTED] again there would be retribution.

He also told him that if he, [REDACTED],  
ever heard of similar conduct with  
any other child, he [REDACTED], would  
report it to the responsible people.

[REDACTED] also stated that  
he had informed Mr. Watter Riedel  
of the occurrences and conversations.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
interest in Scooting had diminished  
to the extent he was having to  
push him to complete his Eagle  
project. He said [REDACTED] really had  
no desire to be associated with  
Skeeler in any way.

D. Stewart



Beaumont, Texas 77705-2797

EXHIBIT C - page 1

August 11, 1991

Frank Skeeler

Orange, Tx 77630

Dear Frank:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as BSA member should be granted. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

Bill L. Clark  
Council President



The following information provided should you desire a review by the South Central Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the Regional Director, Richard Bentley, South Central Region, BSA, P.O. Box 152325, Irving, Texas 75015-2325. In your request you must include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. If the regional review committee determines that a review hearing is necessary, the committee will advise you whether or not you may attend. In some instances, no useful purpose would be served by having the applicant present. The hearing is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you, if you attend, will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, in the event you attend, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you are dissatisfied with the decision of a regional review, you may request a further review by the National Council. The decision of the National Council will be final.

9-11-91

BERRY HIGH

S.C. REGION

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Frank W Skeeler

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